



Missouri School of Religion building

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The UM system Board of Curators March 28 announced the purchase of the Missouri School of Religion building at 520 S. Ninth in Columbia for \$270,000.

The University will lease the building to the School of Religion for the 1980-81 school year under an agreement which provides for the school's faculty to offer courses in non-sectarian religion studies to UMC students. A contract is expected to be signed soon calling for UMC to pay the School of Religion \$135,000 to teach

the courses. School of Religion personnel will not become UMC employees.

The stone building has three stories and a partial basement, encompassing over 15,000 square feet. Long-term use of the 75-year-old building has not yet been decided.

The board also authorized the administration to grant an easement to the Missouri Highway Department to extend Highway 63 North through two tracts of University land north of Columbia. The University is to be paid \$45,150 for the 11½ acres involved.

## Board awards building contract, approves plans to recycle structure's waste heat

Awarding of a \$1.9 million construction contract to build the Unit B addition to the Animal Science Research Center at UMC was approved by the UM system Board of Curators at its March 28 meeting.

The one-story structure, the second of a three-phase addition, will contain about 22,000 square feet and will be attached to the rear of the original building.

Crawford Construction Co. of Columbia submitted the lowest of seven bids (\$1,931,680) received March 11 on the project.

Financed by state appropriations, the Unit B addition will provide research facilities to accommodate small, laboratory-type animals. The facility will be used by faculty in the UMC College of Agriculture and other disciplines who might be assigned space on a cooperative basis. Areas of study will include nutrition, genetics, physiology, endocrinology, toxicology and others. Part of the facility will be support areas for diet preparation, biological sample collection, surgery, autopsy, isotope use and office space.

The exterior of the addition will be brick to match the existing facility. The project is expected to be completed in late summer, 1981.

UM presently has a request before the Missouri legislature for \$7.9 million to build the third and final phase of the center. Preliminary plans for the third phase have been approved by the curators.

Plans for recovering and using waste heat to help warm UMC's Chemistry Building were also approved.

Under the plan, waste heat that normally is discharged into the atmosphere by exhaust fans will be used to heat fluid in coils placed at the point of exhaust. The heated fluid, in turn, will be used to help heat outside air that is taken into the building's heating system.

The Chemistry Building requires 100 percent replacement air on a continuing basis.

Cost of the project is estimated at \$220,100 by planners George Butler Associates, Kansas City.

The cost will be split evenly between federal funds and state energy-conservation funds.

Estimates are that the project will pay for itself in eight years due to cost savings that accrue.

Other board action included authorizing the installation of a Dimension 2000 PBX telephone system at UMSL. The estimated cost of the new system is \$212,000 per year over a 10-year period, compared to the \$222,000 annual cost of the present system.

The board also approved an agreement between the UMKC and MRT, Inc., a Missouri not-for-profit corporation, for operation of the Missouri Repertory Theatre. The agreement calls for UMKC to turn the management of theatre operations over to MRT, Inc. at a cost of \$106,000 for the 1980-81 academic year.

## UM to comply with legislation that may establish optometry school

Planning for a proposed School of Optometry at UMSL resumed this week following approval of a resolution March 28 by the UM system Board of Curators to comply with new legislation expected to be enacted by the General Assembly.

At the recommendation of UM President James C. Olson, the board approved a resolution that says UM will operate such a school in accordance with the legislative intent.

The resolution says the University administration "is hereby authorized to take such steps as will provide for an expeditious development of the school upon enactment of the legislation."

The resolution passed 7-1 with Independence physician Dr. Wallace Stacey casting the only dissenting vote. Board President C.R. Johnston of Springfield was absent when the formal vote was taken at the afternoon corporate meeting.

At the board's February meeting, the curators had voted 6-3 to drop plans for a regional optometry school because no other states had agreed to share operating costs, and federal funds had dried up. Enabling legislation passed in 1978 stipulated that operating costs for the proposed school must be shared by one or more neighboring states and that 75 percent of the capital construction costs should be provided by the federal government.

Since the February meeting, new state legislation has been introduced to eliminate some of the previous restrictions.

"As is well known, I have been opposed to the establishment of a major new program such as optometry in view of the need to sustain quality in existing programs," Dr. Olson told the curators. "An optometry school involves a relatively high-cost, low-enrollment program."

Dr. Olson pointed out that the University's 1980-81 appropriation request now before the legislature contains some \$5.7 million in program improvements that are not likely to be funded this session.

"My deep concern is that legislation for the proposed School of Optometry will be approved, but the funds to develop such a program would have to come at the expense of already established programs," the UM president said.

Dr. Olson said that despite his concern, he believes it is not in the University's best interest to oppose the new optometry legislation, which has already cleared the House and is due Senate approval.

"The scope and nature of the University's programs should continue to be responsive to the needs of the people," he said.

## New nursing program at UMSL approved by Board of Curators

The UM system Board of Curators approved March 28 the establishment of a bachelor of science in nursing degree program for the St. Louis campus.

A director or dean of nursing will be named by next fall, course work will begin in the fall of 1981 and the first degrees will be awarded in the spring of 1983.

The UMSL nursing degree program is specifically designed for registered nurses with an RN from hospital diploma programs or associate degrees from a community college.

The curriculum would require a minimum of 66 credit hours of upper-division course work.

Prospective students also would be required to have 30 hours nursing credit, to have passed the state board examinations and to be licensed as a registered nurse before admission to the UMSL program.

The Hospital Association of Metropolitan St. Louis earlier presented data which indicates that, of the registered nurses with associate degrees employed in area hospitals, more than 600 are interested in seeking a bachelor's degree.

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## Two system offices merge

The UM system grants and contracts office and the research and restricted accounting section have been combined into a new office designated as the Office of Sponsored Programs.

Announcement of the change, which was effective March 1, was made by H. Kent Shelton, UM assistant vice president for financial services.

The purpose of the move, Mr. Shelton said, is to upgrade the management of grants and contracts within the University system, and to level the workloads in those areas. The reorganization is an outgrowth of the task force to study grants and contracts appointed last year by UM President James C. Olson.

Director of the new office is Rudy L. Koch, who was promoted from manager of UM research and restricted accounting.

Bob Jenkins has been promoted to associate director of sponsored programs (services), and Dave McGuire is the new associate director of sponsored programs (finance). Mr. Jenkins has been acting director, UM grants and contracts, and Mr. McGuire has been supervisor, UM research and restricted accounting.

Mr. Koch and Mr. Jenkins and their staffs will be located in 812-816 Clark Hall, while Mr. McGuire and his staff will be in 118 University Hall, both in Columbia.

The new telephone number for sponsored programs (services) is 882-8305, and Mr. McGuire's new number is 882-6484. Telephone numbers for staff are unchanged.

## Hearing dates announced

Public hearings scheduled on the four UM campuses in April will allow interested citizens the opportunity to offer comments and suggestions regarding 1981-82 state appropriations requests. These requests have been submitted by the campuses to the UM system central administration.

The hearings will give students, faculty, staff and the general public the chance to comment directly to UM President James C. Olson and his staff.

The hearing schedule is as follows: Rolla campus, 9-11 a.m., Monday, April 14; Columbia campus, 3-5 p.m., Monday, April 14; St. Louis campus, 9-11 a.m., Thursday, April 17; and Kansas City campus, 2-4 p.m., Thursday, April 17.

After the hearings, President Olson and his staff, in consultation with the campus chancellors, will prepare a total UM request for submission to the state legislature next fall.

## Deaver honored by UMC

A street on the UMC campus has been named in memory of the late Maj. Mick Deaver, associate director of the UMC police department before his death last month in a two-car collision near Columbia.

The one-block street that runs south off Stadium Boulevard between Memorial Stadium and the Hearnes Multipurpose Building, now called Stadium Drive, has been renamed Mick Deaver Memorial Drive.

The action was approved by the UM system Board of Curators and announced March 28 by UM President James C. Olson.

## Department names change

Academic departments on two UM campuses have received name change approval from the UM system Board of Curators. One of the changes will establish a new department.

The Columbia campus will change the name of the department of regional and community affairs back to its original title—the department of community development.

The St. Louis campus has been granted approval for a new department of social work, which will have 150 majors and five fulltime faculty. At present, UMSL's social work degree program is offered through the department of sociology, anthropology and social work.

Robert S. Bader, dean of UMSL's College of Arts and Sciences, says separate departmental status will clearly increase programmatic autonomy, which is a major accreditation criterion.

"Future licensing in Missouri will be available only to social workers from accredited schools," Dr. Bader said.

The UMC department felt that it should revert to a departmental title that the public clearly understands.

Consistent with the change, the department currently offers a master's degree in community development and a nine-month non-degree program that leads to a diploma in community development.



Henry Bent

## Bent named Jefferson Award recipient

Henry E. Bent, former graduate dean and professor emeritus of chemistry at UMC, has been selected the 1980 recipient of the UM system's annual Thomas Jefferson Award.

Although retired, Dr. Bent is still active in University and civic affairs. He joined the UMC faculty in 1936, was dean of the graduate school from 1938 until 1966 and was named professor emeritus in 1971.

Dr. Bent will receive a monetary award derived from interest accrued from a \$10,000 gift by the Robert Earl (cq) McConnell Foundation, and a citation which will be presented in a campus ceremony next month.

The selection was made by a system committee from nominees submitted from the four campuses. The award is made to that member of the University community who best exemplifies the principles and ideals of Jefferson. This year's selection was announced by UM President James C. Olson at the March 28 Board of Curators meeting in Kansas City.

"Henry Bent's actions in his department, as dean of the Graduate School, and elsewhere have always indicated a respect for diverse opinion and an abiding faith in the democratic process, both characteristics of Thomas Jefferson," states the chemistry department's nomination statement.

"Both men have held very dear the concept and ideal of public education and the state university—Jefferson in establishing the University of Virginia and Henry Bent as graduate dean for

28 years, striving constantly to upgrade the quality of research and graduate education in the first state university of Jefferson's Louisiana Purchase, and throughout the nation," the statement says.

The award recipient is a 1922 graduate of Oberlin College. He received an M.S. degree at Northwestern University in 1923 and a Ph.D. degree from the University of California, Berkeley, in 1926. He was on the chemistry faculty at Harvard from 1926 to 1936, before coming to Missouri.

Dr. Bent has been instrumental in helping many young graduate students and staff launch successful research programs, and is credited for providing summer research opportunities at UMC. He also is known for his zeal and ingenuity in teaching large general chemistry classes and in devising special equipment for demonstrating the phenomena and principles taught.

He has had more than 50 scientific articles published in refereed journals, has written numerous other articles on various academic subjects and was editor of the Association of American Universities proceedings.

For many years he was councilor of the American Chemical Society and served on various society committees. He also is a member of Sigma Xi and Phi Beta Kappa. Last year he was a delegate to the White House Conference on Libraries, and has served as chairman of the resolutions committee for the Governor's Conference on Libraries.

## Jobs

The following administrative, professional and academic vacancies were listed with *Spectrum* as of March 28. Those interested in a position should contact the appropriate academic department or personnel office.

**UMC:** Asst. vice chancellors, alumni activities, development; computer programmer/analyst I; director, news services; food service supervisor I (3); industrial hygienist; manager, grants & contracts; nurse practitioner (2); research specialist (3); scientific programmer/analyst II (2); senior fiscal analyst; student services coordinator/counselors, arts & crafts,

minority; supervisor, broadcasting KOMU-TV; systems analyst; **UMca:** accountant; chemist; computer programmer/analyst II; computer project manager (2); directors, business operations, facility planning & development; research scientist (2); senior systems analyst (2); senior systems programmer;

**UMC Hospital:** Asst. hospital director, support services; child life activity therapist; computer programmer/analyst II; head nurse (6); management analyst; manager, programming; nurse practitioner (4); personnel interviewer; registered

medical technologist; senior management engineer; senior methods & procedures analyst (3); senior computer programmer/analyst; senior systems analyst (3); senior systems programmer;

**UMR:** Senior information specialist; counseling psychologist; superintendent, power plant; manager, FM radio promotion; instructors, civil engineering;

**UMKC:** Training and development coordinator; clerk typist II; resident manager; secretary; docent team assistant; dental hygienist; manuscript specialist; ticket manager.

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