

## Hyatt tragedy touches faculty, staff, students

Along with many Missourians, the University family was saddened by the loss of life and injury to faculty, staff and students in the Hyatt Regency accident in Kansas City, President James C. Olson told the Board of Curators last week. Among the casualties were: Julia Bolton, a staff member of the Career Planning and Placement Center at UMSL.

Thomas A. Mahvi, UMKC professor of medicine, biology and dentistry.

Jerold Rau, clinical professor in dermatology at the UMKC medical school.

Christine DePriest, a senior law student at UMKC. Another UMKC student, Kay Kenton, remains in critical condition.

The accident also claimed the life of the father of Sarapage McCorkle, an instructor in economics at UMSL.

UMKC reports the death of six UKC and UMKC alumni, and there may be others.

On behalf of the University, President Olson expressed sympathy and concern to all involved in the tragic accident.

President Olson also praised the doctors and students from the UMKC medical school, who rendered some of the first medical assistance at the scene. Just the day before the accident, the medical school was designated as an additional trauma center for the Kansas City area.

## Curators approve '82-'83 state budget request

### General Operating

The Board of Curators approved a request of about \$199 million in state funding for UM's 1982-83 general operating budget. The appropriations request, which must be submitted to the state by Oct. 1, includes a 17 percent student fee increase.

The state funding request represents an increase of about \$29 million over the \$170 million appropriated for this fiscal year. Approximately \$20 million of the increase would be used to meet inflationary pressures in several areas, including a 12 percent increase in the faculty-staff salary and wage base. The remaining \$9 million would go for upgrading various areas of employee compensation and to provide some program improvements.

"The University's highest priority must continue to be the improvement of salaries and wages for our personnel," President Olson emphasized. "It is imperative that any increase we may receive in state funds next year go first to helping meet this most critical need. This is absolutely our area of greatest importance, particularly due to the uncertainties of whether we will be able to grant any salary and wage increases in the current fiscal year."

In the 1982-83 request, UM estimates non-state funding at \$106 million. Coupled with the \$199 million sought in state funds, this would bring the University's proposed total general operating budget for the four-campus institution to almost \$305 million.

President Olson said student fees would be increased 17 percent for 1982-83 as a necessary step in helping to accommodate the rising cost of education. This

would bring the per semester cost of a full-time Missouri resident undergraduate student to \$510 per semester and an undergraduate non-resident student to \$1,530 per semester. A resident graduate student would pay \$561 a semester and a non-resident graduate student \$1,683 a semester.

Critical needs for additional revenue may make adjustments beyond the basic student incidental fee charges necessary later in the year, President Olson told the board. Options being studied include provisions for an overload charge per credit hour or additional supplemental charges for professional schools.

Student leaders from UMC, UMR and UMSL considered the fee increase necessary and supported it. Gail Snider, UMC student president, said students are as concerned as the administration is about maintaining and improving the quality of education.

The 1982-83 request is some \$5 million less than the \$204 million UM sought for the current year. The reduction is due to a lower average inflation rate used to compute the request, abandoning a request for health-related capitation funds phased out by the federal government and fewer dollars sought for program improvements.

In addition to funds sought for general University operations, a request for \$16 million is being made for the University Hospital and Clinics, an increase of \$2.7 million. Along with almost \$54 million in self-generated funds, this would give the hospital a total general operating budget of nearly \$70 million.

In accordance with state law, UM also presents the appropriations requests for three state agencies based at the University.

The agencies and the amounts sought in state funds are: the Missouri Institute of Psychiatry, \$2.3 million, an increase of \$263,000; the Missouri Kidney Program, \$2.6 million, an increase of about \$229,000; and the State Historical Society of Missouri, \$530,000, an increase of \$76,000.

### Capital improvements

The University of Missouri will request \$46.7 million in state capital improvement funds for UM's four campuses in 1982-83.

Top priority in UM's capital request is \$8.7 million for physical plant preservation in order to repair and maintain existing buildings and grounds at all campuses.

Another top priority is a \$4.7 million request for renovation and rehabilitation of existing structures at Columbia and St. Louis, and funds to meet various safety building codes at Columbia.

The new construction category totals \$29.2 million to build four new buildings and to plan four others.

Funds sought for new structures include: \$6.6 million toward the cost of a health sciences library and library storage building at Columbia, with an additional \$2 million to be raised from private sources; \$6.3 million for an agricultural engineering building at Columbia; \$13.3 million toward the cost of a mineral engineering building at Rolla, with an additional \$3.4 million to be raised from private sources; and \$2.1 million for an engineering management building at Rolla.

Construction funds of \$13.6 million to build a new law school building at Columbia will not be requested until fiscal 1985.

Planning funds only are being asked for a science building at St. Louis, an engineering laboratory and classroom building at Columbia, a multipurpose recreational facility at Kansas City and an auditorium, music and alumni building at Rolla.

Other amounts being sought are \$1.3 million for energy conservation projects at all campuses, and \$2.5 million for handicapped accessibility on all campuses and construction of a hazardous waste processing center at Columbia.

## Contract allows UMC, UMR power plants to burn Missouri coal, save on fuel costs

The UM board approved awarding a coal contract which would allow the Columbia and Rolla campus power plants to once again burn Missouri coal, thus eventually saving the University about \$2 million annually in fuel costs.

Nemo Coal, Inc., of Moberly, Mo., submitted the lowest of three bids received to supply the two campuses with coal for the next five years. Nemo bid coal for the next 5 years. Nemo bid \$27.94 per ton delivered to the Columbia production and transportation price increases are allowed during the life of the contract.

Presently, UM is paying \$54.33 per ton for Illinois coal for the Columbia plant and \$50.36 per ton for the Rolla plant.

Commenting on the favorable bids, James R. Buchholz, UM system vice president for administrative affairs, noted a suggestion by Thomas Bash, the governor's special assistant for economic development, to substitute the traditional performance bond requirements with a certified financial statement. Vice President Buchholz said this approach had the effect of making it possible for Missouri firms to be more competitive in securing this substantially large contract.

Use of Missouri coal, which is high in ash and sulphur content, is now possible at the two campuses because major improvements are being made to bring the power plants into compliance with state and federal clean air standards. For several years, higher priced and higher grade Illinois coal has been imported to comply with environmental standards.

The Columbia plant burns between 90,000 and 100,000 tons per year, while the Rolla plant will use about 13,000 tons during the first year of the contract and 6,500 tons per year thereafter. The Rolla plant is being modified to permit eventual burning of a combination of coal and wood chips. The wood chips will be supplied by Missouri sawmills.

UM has received almost \$8 million in state appropriations for construction of two 325-foot smokestacks and two baghouses at the UMC plant to meet environmental standards. At UMR, the state has provided more than \$7 million to expand the plant's capacity, to make it environmentally acceptable and to equip it for burning wood chips in combination with coal.

The UMC plant will begin burning Missouri coal in October. The Rolla plant will not begin until December.

## Psychological abuse rule rejected

The UM system Board of Curators turned down an administrative request at its July 24 meeting in Rolla that proposed to include "psychological abuse" wording in the present student conduct section of the board's *Collected Rules and Regulations*.

UMC sought the wording change in Section 6.01.0104 that would state the following: "Physical abuse or psychological abuse of any person on University owned or controlled property or at University sponsored or supervised functions, or conduct which threatens or endangers the physical or psychological health or safety of any such person."

The inclusion of psychological abuse in the rules was sought principally to handle problems connected with hazing.

The motion to accept the word change was rejected 6-3. Curator Marian Oldham, who presented the motion as chairman of the board's Academic Affairs Committee, said she was against the policy change because she thought psychological abuse was too difficult to define and would create confusion. Voting with her were Dan Brenner, William T. Doak, William G. Cocas, C. R. (Dick) Johnston, David Lewis and Rex Williams.

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## Physical facilities projects to begin

The UM Board of Curators awarded a construction contract for the final phase of expanding and upgrading the power plant on the Rolla campus along with approving several other physical facilities projects at their July meeting.

John Eppe Construction Co. of Columbia submitted a bid of \$3,489,120, the lowest of nine bids received on the UMR project. The contract includes an addition to the boiler house, coal and wood storage and handling systems, electrical work, foundations and site work. The project is expected to be completed by December 1983.

This will complete the \$7.5 million improvement project, paid for by state appropriations and constructed in three phases. Previous work included installation of a baghouse and mechanical dust collectors to meet state and federal clean air standards and a new boiler to increase the plant's capacity. The new boiler also will allow the burning of a combination of coal and wood chips.

Other physical facility items approved by the curators include the following:

- Preliminary plans for the renovation of UMC's Lowry Hall, the former Missouri School of Religion building, for temporary use as a law school annex. While the exterior of the building will be saved, plans call for gutting and renovating the interior to provide classrooms, faculty offices, library and study space, student offices, elevators, fire stairs and rest rooms. About 15,000 square feet of space is involved in the three-story building at a cost of \$1.4 million. Construction is expected to begin in October and completed by August 1982. Campus maintenance and repair funds will be used to pay for the project.

- Plans for building a walking ramp on the St. Louis campus to connect the J. C. Penney Building with a nearby parking structure. The 100-foot long ramp will extend from the top floor of the parking structure to the first floor of the Penney building. In addition, one of the down automobile ramps in the parking structure will be covered by a metal roof to prevent accumulations of ice and snow on the ramp. Estimated cost of the entire project is \$205,500, which will be paid from campus parking funds.

- Plans for constructing a road, parking lots and a low-water bridge at the site of UMC's Hinkson Creek recreational area east of Providence Road just below the president's home. The \$174,000 project, financed by student fee capital improvement funds, will provide intramural playing fields and areas for hiking, jogging and picnicking. The work is expected to be completed this fall.

- Awarding three contracts totaling \$230,597 for erecting a temporary medical records building at University Hospi-

tal in Columbia. Low bidders were Design Space International, Grandview, Mo., \$162,675, for providing the modular structure; Meyer Electric, Inc., Jefferson City, \$54,191 for utility connections; and Knipp Construction Co., Columbia, \$13,731, for site preparation and foundation. The building is expected to be ready for occupancy this fall.

## Transactions authorized

Transactions authorized by the Board of Curators July 24 include:

- The sale of UM's one-fourth share of an 80-acre farm in Clay County. The property was willed to UM as part of the Minnie Reynolds Estes Estate. The University's proceeds, estimated at \$15,000, will be used for cancer research at UMC.

- The acceptance of bids from Educational and Institutional Cooperative Services, Inc., of Dallas, Tex., for \$169,842.04 and All-Steel Inc., of Aurora, Ill., for \$46,482.90 for the purchase of metal office furniture.

- The purchase of diagnostic radiology equipment, currently being leased, for the UMC Hospital and Clinics from CGR Financial Corp., Baltimore, Md., for \$256,500.

- The lease of a gas chromatograph-mass spectrometer and dedicated data system from Finnigan Corp., Sunnyvale, Calif., for the UM Environmental Trace Substances Research Center at an annual cost of \$34,284.

- A new rate contract with General Telephone Co., for UMC.

- The Lottes property in Wayne County will be offered for sale, with the final sale subject to approval by the board. The proceeds will be used toward construction of the proposed UMC Health Sciences Library.

- The construction of the UMC athletic maintenance building.

- Authorization for the administration to enter into a contract with the minister of agriculture and fisheries of the Sultanate of Oman for animal research monitoring in the event the UMC proposal is accepted by Oman.

- Replacement of existing scoreboards at UMR's football stadium and basketball court inside Gale Bullman Multi-Purpose Building. The scoreboards will be provided at no cost by Daktronics, Inc., in return for the right to sell advertising on the scoreboards and keep the revenue for 10 years, after which the scoreboards become property of UMR.

## New degree programs reluctantly approved

UM will offer four new degree programs—three at Columbia and one at St. Louis—to help satisfy student demand.

All four programs are authorized by UM's revised academic plan for 1980-85. The Board of Curators reluctantly ap-

## Miscellaneous fees to change

The board has approved several changes in miscellaneous fees effective for the 1982 summer term. New rates were established for:

- Late registration fee—amount of undergraduate incidental fee for one credit hour.
- Enrollment cancellation fee—\$20.
- Installment plan service for graduate students with appointments—\$15.
- Coop Engineering registration fee—\$10.
- Bad check charge—\$5.

The following miscellaneous fees are to be discontinued: thesis, dissertation binding and microfilming fee; music, individual lesson practice room fee; microscope use fee; social work course fee; forestry course fee; physical education course fee; laboratory use fee.

proved the degree programs last week, although C. R. (Dick) Johnston was the only curator who voted against the proposal. Curator Johnston said the University should make room for new programs by eliminating others.

UMC will establish three additional degree programs in computing sometime next year, a B.S. degree in computer engineering and B.S. and B.A. degrees in computer science. There will be no additional faculty cost the first year. Later additional faculty will be funded through internal reallocation of resources already assigned to UMC.

UMSL plans to establish a B.S. in public administration degree within its political science department.

## Union plans protest day

The UM administration has responded to the notification that the membership of Public Service Employees' Local 45 of Columbia plans a day of protest on Aug. 4, over the issue of no wage increases because of state budget cuts by recognizing the right of every employee to express opinions freely, if such expressions do not result in unauthorized absences from assigned duty at the University. The following guidelines have been established for employees who might be affected by the planned protest:

- Vacation requests will be granted based upon required staffing levels and seniority. Vacations already granted will be honored.

- Sick leave will be granted if the employee has an appropriate doctor's excuse and the request is on a timely basis.

- Those who do not have vacation or sick leave approved and are absent from work will receive an unauthorized leave without pay notification in their payroll records.

## Football ticket policy for legislators changed

State legislators were notified earlier this month that they no longer would be given two free complimentary season tickets to UMC home football games, but would be allowed to purchase them at the faculty-staff discount rate.

In a letter from Duana Linville, UM assistant to the president for govern-

mental relations, legislators were offered two season tickets for \$56 each. Any additional tickets would be purchased at the regular season price of \$80 each.

## Refund policy expands

The UM system Board of Curators has approved a proposal to change the University's policy on refunding incidental fees and tuition to students who withdraw after the beginning of the semester.

Current policy, section 7.2003 of the *Collected Rules and Regulations*, allows only a 70 percent refund of fees or tuition if a student withdraws during the first two weeks of a semester.

The new policy, which goes into effect this fall, will allow a 90 percent refund if a student withdraws during the first week of a semester.

## Departments to merge

The UM system board approved the merger of four departments in the UMC College of Education into two, reducing the number of departments in the college to seven.

The change will become effective Aug. 15. The merger allows the Department of Educational and Counseling Psychology to incorporate the faculty and degree programs of the Department of Counseling and Personnel Services and the Department of Educational Psychology. The second change creates a Department of Higher and Adult Education and Foundations with faculty and degree programs from the Department of Higher and Adult Education and the Department of Education. The Department of Education includes the areas of educational research and statistics and educational studies.

## Cabinet clarifies policy

The University Cabinet approved a revision of Executive Order No. 20 dealing with sexual harassment on July 1. The revision is the addition of a final sentence, "Any formal procedures shall use the existing grievance procedures." Originally, each campus was to develop and publish informal procedures as needed to implement the policy.

# Jobs

The following administrative/professional and academic vacancies were listed with *Spectrum* as of July 24. Those interested in a position should contact the appropriate department or personnel office.

**UMC:** Academic advisor; director, personnel services/employee relations; food service supervisor I (2); nursing supervisor, student health; radio producer; research associate, atmospheric science; asst. provost; **UMca:** reactor maintenance engineer; visual communications specialist;

**UMC Hospital:** Asst. hospital director, financial services; asst. hospital plant

engineer; asst. director, nursing; head nurse; managers, financial reporting, housekeeping, medical records; methods and procedures analyst; nurse anesthetist (3); physical therapist; occupational therapist; registered medical technologist; safety coordinator; senior methods and procedures analyst; senior program analyst (2); senior registered medical technologist; supervisors, medical records, patient accounts representative; senior systems programmer;

**UMKC:** senior systems programmer; director, business affairs;

**UMR:** Research asst. professor, chemistry; lecturers, history, economics;

instructor, mechanical engineering; visiting asst. professor, electrical engineering; asst. director, alumni activities;

**UMSL:** Asst. professors, mathematics (2); accounting, finance and insurance, marketing; research assoc., physics; director graduate studies and professor, business administration; asst./assoc./full professor, management; assoc./full professor, finance; instructor/asst./assoc./full professor, quantitative management; community health nursing; medical-surgical nursing; state extension specialist/asst. professor, consumer economics; senior continuing education coordinator.

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