

## Cooperative educational program pursued

# UM begins discussions with South African university

Four UM administrators are in South Africa to visit the University of the Western Cape and hold exploratory meetings they hope will lead to the establishment of a cooperative educational program.

Establishment of a program to support educational improvement in South Africa, an effort U.S. state department officials have called an imaginative and positive approach to helping South African blacks, was approved by the Board of Curators last December as part of the University's revised investment policy.

Former UM President C. Brice Ratchford, chairman of a committee seeking ways to carry out the program, says the committee decided the best way

to achieve the University's goal is to initiate a sister-to-sister university approach with a South African university. The University of the Western Cape in Capetown was chosen with help from officials in the Rev. Leon Sullivan's office in Philadelphia. Sullivan is the author of a series of employment guide-

lines followed by many U.S. companies doing business in South Africa.

"The most fruitful manner is to go to the University of the Western Cape and meet the people and explore what can be done," Ratchford says. "We need to find out what their goals are, their problems and determine ways the University of Missouri can help."

The visiting team is led by Otis Jackson, UM-Columbia assistant provost, and consists of Henry Mitchell, UM-Kansas City associate vice chancellor for academic affairs; K. Peter Etkorn, UM-St. Louis associate dean of the graduate school and director of research; and Ron Turner, UM special assistant to the president.

The team is meeting with UWC officials, Capetown University officials and representatives from IBM and Monsanto in Johannesburg to discuss possible joint efforts. According to Ratchford, when the team returns the entire committee will meet to assess the results of the meetings.

Jackson says it is important not to have preconceived notions about the program. "This visit is to open discussions with Western Cape to find out what will benefit them. We need to let them know what resources we have at Missouri."

Jackson says the committee believes the success of the visit depends on the recognition of common goals and the designing of a cooperative enterprise to fit current needs. The committee has agreed that any joint activity must offer advantages to both institutions.



"It is very important we are able to determine that what the University of Missouri has to offer the University of the Western Cape will benefit blacks in South Africa. We want to make sure we have a match that will work," Jackson says. "If we don't have a good match, it would be better for Missouri to choose another South African university."

The University views any arrangement as a five-year commitment initially. "We are not advocating cooperation just for the sake of cooperation but as an investment in the educational future of all South Africa," Jackson says.

According to Mitchell, there are other U.S. educational institutions developing programs in South Africa. "None of these, however, are of the magnitude or long-term commitment of the University of Missouri."

The University of the Western Cape was chosen because it is an open institution accepting Asians, Africans and students of mixed races. It also is an autonomous university that hires its own faculty and determines the curriculum. The current rector and vice chancellor, Richard van der Ross, is very supportive of the University of Missouri effort and extended an invitation for UM officials to visit UWC, Turner says.

Van der Ross' designated successor, Gert Johannes Gerwel, who also supports the educational program, is the first rector and vice chancellor democratically elected at the University of the Western Cape. "He was selected by a vote of the deans and faculty," Turner says, "and as a young chancellor with popular support he should provide long-term leadership and stability to any educational program."

Gerwel will be in the United States next month and is expected to visit the University and meet with UM President C. Peter Magrath to discuss the educational program.

Etkorn says he considers the proposed cooperative educational program the most imaginative initiative in the country. "I feel very good about it. We're not going to South

Africa to teach anybody anything. We're exploring possibilities to see if the University of Missouri can help strengthen local institutions to improve education for blacks in South Africa."

Mitchell adds: "We have a lot of experience working with international institutions. I feel good about the possibilities. I've been at the University since 1963, and this is the first time there has ever been a total four-campus effort in an international educational program."

Turner says committee discussions with U.S. government officials have revealed that the University of Missouri is taking an innovative approach in South Africa. "It is an approach based on exploring avenues of cooperation between the University of Missouri and a South African educational institution."

Etkorn says the benefits will be mutual. "There is an opportunity for us to benefit as well as share our resources and expertise. We know that we all can gain if we work together," Etkorn says.

## Extension makes plans for changes in administration

A new University Extension administrative structure designed to help extension programs implement its strategic plan and reduce administrative costs takes effect July 1, says John Oren, UM associate vice president for academic affairs-extension.

The new structure reduces the executive management staff from four positions to three and consolidates five program directorships into four.

Three associate directors now report to Oren. After July 1, an assistant vice president for academic affairs-extension and a director of administrative management will report to Oren and support program development efforts.

Oren has named Gail Imig assistant vice president for academic affairs-extension. She has been associate dean at UM-Columbia and program director of home economics extension for University Extension since 1979.

Jim Ollar has been named director of administrative management. He has been associate vice provost with the UMC Extension Division since 1985 and associate director of cooperative extension since 1983.

To reflect the emphasis areas outlined in extension's strategic plan, "Toward Excellence: Blueprint for the Future of University Extension," personnel have been named to direct programs in agriculture, 4-H and family,

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## UM humanities scholars win Weldon Spring research grants

Four UM humanities scholars have been named 1986 Weldon Spring Humanities Seminar Fellows, it has been announced by Nancy A. Marlin, assistant vice president for academic affairs.

Each of the four fellows will receive a \$5,000 award to use for humanities research projects.

The 1986 fellows are David E. Ray, professor of English at UM-Kansas City; Naomi Ritter, associate professor of German at UM-Columbia; Allen Thiher, professor of romance languages at UM-Columbia; and David H. Weinglass, professor of English at UM-Kansas City.

The awards are part of the University's Weldon Spring research award program supported by investment income from money received from the 1979 sale of UM's Weldon Spring property in St. Charles County.

A committee composed of the 1985 Weldon Spring fellows selected this year's fellows from a group of nominees from each campus. The committee's selections were based on reviews by scholars from other universities of research proposals written by the applicants.

The Weldon Spring Humanities Seminar is not a seminar in the traditional sense. Recipients conduct independent research on their topics and share results through lectures on UM campuses other than their own. Research by award recipients will lead to books and papers.

Ray's topic is "The Lindbergs." The project, which Ray says involves writing about events of the 1930s, reflects his increasing emphasis on fiction as a medium. He plans to conduct research in July at the National Archives and the Library of Congress in Washington.

Ritter's research topic is "Purely Visual Spectacles: The Arts Since Symbolism." The Weldon Spring grant supports Ritter's book in progress, "Purely Visual Spectacles," which focuses on the proliferation of symbolist elements in the arts since 1880. Essays compare the European visual arts, drama and literature. "I hope to show that we still live in an overwhelmingly visual culture," Ritter says.

Thiher's topic is "Study of Literature and Madness." Thiher says, "I am working on a book-length study of the relationship between medical discourses about madness and literary texts that seek to express madness." He is researching works back to the mid-18th century, but at least half the study will be devoted to contemporary texts.

The topic of Weinglass' research is "A Proposal to Complete the Comprehensive Fuseli Catalogue." He is developing a comprehensive catalog of engraved illustrations by Anglo-Swiss artist Henry Fuseli (1741-1825). The catalog will be used by the Swiss Institute for Art Research in Zurich to inaugurate its new series of English-language monographs on Swiss artists.

## Campuses set summer office hours

UM and most campuses are following regular office hours this summer.

UM-St. Louis, which observed four-day work weeks in recent summers, has returned to a five-day work schedule. Regular office hours are 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

UM-Columbia has many offices open from 7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. (with a half-hour lunch break). UM is operating under regular hours, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

UM-Rolla is following regular hours, which are 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. (with a half-hour lunch break).

UM-Kansas City's office hours are 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.



## Awards & Honors

**Ernest R. Sears**, UMC professor emeritus of agronomy, has received the 1986 Wolf Foundation Prize in Agriculture. The \$100,000 Israeli-based award, which Sears shares with Sir Ralph Riley of the Agricultural and Food Research Council in London, was awarded for the two agronomists' research that is providing the basis for the genetic improvement of cereal grains.

**Maxine N. Tishk**, UMKC professor of dentistry, has been named distinguished honorary adviser by the Shanghai Education Bureau to San Hao Medical Vocational School in Shanghai. She is presently teaching at the People's Ninth Hospital in China.

**Henry H. Sineath**, professor emeritus of engineering management at UMR, has been chosen a charter member of the Web

Society of the Flexible Packaging Association. The society recognizes outstanding individuals for their service and dedication to the flexible packaging converting industry.

**Perry Gustafson**, U.S. Department of Agriculture wheat geneticist at UMC, was presented the Distinguished Professor award under the 1985-86 Fulbright program with Yugoslavia. Gustafson will spend two and one-half months in Yugoslavia conducting research and teaching techniques of gene and chromosome transfer.

**David E. Ray**, UMKC professor of English, has won a PEN Newspaper Syndication Award for his short story, "With Loss of Eden." Stories by Ray have won him the award each year for the past five years.

UMC associate professor of history **Kerby A. Miller** has been awarded the 1986 Merle Curti Prize in U.S. Social History by the Organization of American Historians for

his book, "Emigrants and Exiles: Ireland and the Irish Exodus to North America."

The Council for International Exchange of Scholars has announced that **Donald W. Littrell**, UMC associate professor of community development, has been named Fulbright consultant in extension services and continuing education in Thailand. Littrell will work at the Prince of Songkla University to develop a new graduate program in community development education and to establish a university extension system.

The Aerospace Physiologist Society has presented its annual Fred A. Hitchcock Award for Excellence in Aerospace Physiology to **M. Harold Laughlin**, UMC associate professor of veterinary biomedical sciences. Laughlin was given the award in recognition of his research on the physiological and pathophysiological effects of acceleration stress on the heart and cardiovascular system.

## Elections

Editor-elect of *American Antiquity*, the journal of the Society for American Archaeology, is **W. Raymond Wood**, UMC professor of anthropology. Wood's term runs through 1990.

**Harry S. Jonas**, dean of the UMKC School of Medicine and professor of obstetrics and gynecology, has become the 37th president of the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists. As president, he will attend meetings throughout the United States to discuss educational and socioeconomic issues affecting the practice of obstetrics and gynecology.

**Bea Litherland**, dean of the UMC College of Home Economics, has been elect-

ed president of the Association of Administrators of Home Economics.

**Mary F. Lenox**, dean of the UMC School of Library and Information Science, has been voted chair/chair-elect of the Council of Deans and Directors of the Association of Library and Information Science Education.

**Deborah Tepper Haimo**, UMSL professor of mathematics, was elected to a two-year term as first vice president of the Mathematical Association of America.

**Ronald H. Howell**, professor of mechanical engineering at UMR, was elected a fellow of the American Society of Heating, Refrigerating and Air Conditioning Engineers by the society's board of directors.

## Jobs

The following administrative/professional and academic vacancies were listed with *Spectrum* as of May 22. Anyone interested in a position should contact the appropriate department or personnel office.

**UMC**: program director-computer services, agricultural economics; assoc./full professor, cell biology; assoc./full professor and neurobiologist, biological sciences; asst./assoc. professor of economics/director of Missouri Council on Economic Education; research associate/plant stress physiologist, horticulture; research associate, practical arts/voc-tech education/instructional materials lab, agricultural economics; St. Louis Zoo resident veterinarian, veterinary medicine/surgery; resident veterinarian, veterinary medicine/surgery; asst. professor, immunology/rheumatology, veterinary diagnostic lab/veterinary microbiology; asst./assoc. professor, clothing/textiles, health related professions/communicative disorders, social work, surgery; asst./assoc./full professor, civil engineering, veterinary medicine/surgery, cardiology, radiology; instructor/asst./assoc./full professor, anesthesiology; instructor/asst./assoc. professor, business administration (2), nursing (3); research asst. professor, physiology, biochemistry; research assistant, obstetrics/gynecology; instructor, agronomy, food science/nutrition; asst. coach, gymnastics; librarian II: assistant to the dean, graduate

school (minority affairs); manager-engineering, campus facilities; administrative associate I; supervisor, power plant, Brady Commons games area; research specialist (4); manager, garage, food service residential life II, development; project planner/estimator, campus facilities; systems analyst; admissions/records coordinator, law; asst. director, Museum of Art and Archaeology; asst. editor, Missouri Testing and Evaluation Service; assoc. director, intercollegiate athletics; coordinator, Missouri Testing and Evaluation Service; design/power plant engineer, campus facilities; director, Missouri Kidney Program; interior designer, campus facilities; radio news producer; safety representative; asst. supervisor, custodial services; histologic technician, anatomy; scientific programmer/analyst I. **UM**: management intern associate, facilities management; reference specialist.

**UMC Hospital**: assoc. hospital director, nursing services; asst. hospital plant engineer; executive staff assistant II; manager, warehouse operations.

**UMKC**: asst./assoc. professor, periodontics (2), oral radiology, removable prosthodontics, basic medical sciences, accountability; visiting professor, geosciences, theater; instructor/asst. professor, communication studies; research associate, Institute for Human Development; theater assistant (10); visiting

## Appointments

**Robert F. Kahrs**, dean of the UMC College of Veterinary Medicine, has been appointed to the National Advisory Council on Health Professions Education by U.S. Secretary of Health and Human Services Otis Bowen. The only veterinarian on the 20-member council, Kahrs will help review grant proposals, analyze congressional initiatives and advise the secretary of health and human services on matters concerning health professions education.

**Charlotte M. Balcer**, UMC resident physician in psychiatry, was appointed to the American Academy of Psychiatry's membership committee to represent all U.S. trainees in psychiatry.

**Robert Crowder**, coordinator of UM records and forms management, has been appointed conference program chairman for the 1988 Business Forms Management Association national conference. He also has been appointed to the program committee for the association's 1987 national conference. Purpose of the Business Forms Management Association is to advance the scientific use and management of forms in American business.

**James M.A. Weiss**, professor and chairman of the UMC Department of Psychiatry, has been appointed liaison officer to the Royal College of Psychiatrists of Great Britain by the American College of Psychiatrists. Weiss will coordinate joint scientific meetings and offer guidance on collaborative research projects and academic exchanges.

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