

# SPECTRUM

News for faculty and staff from the May 3-4 Board of Curators meeting, UM-Rolla

Budget planning for fiscal 1991 awaits final action on the University's appropriations by the General Assembly and the governor, but current projections indicate the total operating budget could increase about 4.5 percent after dedicated and earmarked revenues are excluded. Faculty and staff salaries will be given a high priority in plans for allocating new funds, President Magrath told curators, and he hopes the pay increases can average 5 percent. Curator Peter Raven called a 5 percent increase "so inadequate it can only be described as pitiful. The fiscal and morale state of this University continues to decline. It becomes increasingly more difficult to sit on this board and watch it happen. You do begin to wonder what kind of fairyland you're dealing with." The board will consider the FY91 budget at its June meeting.

Newton Cattell, director of the Midwestern Universities Alliance, gave curators a briefing on federal issues affecting higher education. The Alliance has opposed the taxation of student workers for Social Security taxes. It also has initiated a Consortium for Defense Research and Development, which will pair 14 historically black and seven historically white colleges and universities to seek Department of Defense research contracts.

Working drafts of new mission statements for the University System and each campus were reviewed. Mark Burkholder, associate vice president for academic affairs, discussed the ideal characteristics of a mission statement. Vice President Richard Wallace addressed a postscript to faculty representatives in the audience: "We have not forgotten that we work together with the faculty, particularly on an important statement like this, and we will work with you every step of the way. We need mission statements that are supported not only by the board, but also by the faculty."

The board gave its approval for the University to enter into an agreement with the Missouri State Cancer Commission for the transfer of Ellis Fischel State Cancer Center in Columbia to the University.

Curator John Lichtenegger suggested the possibility of raising the minimum number of faculty members who can petition a chancellor to call a special faculty meeting. Academic Affairs Committee Chairman Peter Raven asked administrators to prepare a report on that possibility for future board discussion.

Awards and honors: Three faculty members received \$4,000 Burlington Northern Faculty Achievement Awards for outstanding teaching: George F.W. Hauck, professor of civil engineering in the UMC/UMKC cooperative engineering program; John L. Bullion, professor of history at UMC; and Hans W. Uffelmann, professor of philosophy and medicine at UMKC.

Next meeting: June 21-22, Springfield