

Curators go back to the drawing board

By Bob Samples
University Relations

The June 21 action by Gov. John Ashcroft to withhold \$13.5 million from the state's 1990-91 appropriation to the University of Missouri System exacerbates the University's tight financial situation, says President C. Peter Magrath. As a result, salary increases and improvements in programs won't keep pace with inflation.

The Board of Curators approved a \$457.6 million budget in June that allowed for the usual 3 percent withholding of state appropriations -- \$9 million. The additional withholding forced curators July 12 to cut from the University's budget \$2.5 million for salaries and wages, \$1 million for engineering education improvements and \$1 million for a variety of program improvements.

The Systemwide goal for salary increases was reduced to 4 percent from 5 percent -- although actual increases will vary among the campuses and University Extension. But, as some administrators point out, the cuts could have been worse.

"Thanks to continuing reallocation of resources throughout the University of Missouri System, the reduction of the goal for average staff and faculty salaries was held to about 1 percent," said James T. McGill, vice president for administrative affairs, said. "It is difficult to maintain momentum, however, when increases in appropriations fall short of matching increases in costs."

Magrath said: "'It is disappointing that we have to make these spending cuts and it is frustrating that the greatest amount must come from the salaries of our faculty and staff members -- the essence of our universities. But, under the circumstances, the



steps taken by the board represent the best available among several alternatives and the least harmful to the people we are here to serve.

"The University's ability to meet the state's long-term needs is being compromised by a chronic lack of financial support," Magrath added. "For the sake of Missouri and its people, it is imperative that the state increase, not decrease, its investment in its institutions of higher education."

'Not keeping pace'

The Executive Committee of the Board of Curators unanimously approved the amendment for reductions, but not until after voicing concern over the inability to maintain salaries and programs at competitive levels.

"I know we are not keeping pace with peer institutions and, at best, we're not keeping up with inflation," Curator Ed Turner said. "I would suggest we are levying a tax on faculty and staff" because of inadequate state support.

McGill noted that for 1990-91 the Consumer Price Index is projected to increase 5 percent and the Higher Education Price Index 6 percent.

Curator Jim Sterling said, "It

again shows our critical need for increased resources."

Board President Eva Frazer agreed with Sterling, saying, "This exemplifies the critical need for a tax increase, and I encourage President Magrath to continue his effort in that area."

Magrath is visiting approximately three dozen Missouri communities this summer to garner support for more money for higher education. He is stressing the link between higher education and the state's future economic prosperity.

The governor's withholding of additional money from all public colleges and universities -- about \$26.5 million -- may serve to heighten the public's awareness of higher education's financial plight.

As Bill Mann, chancellor of Metropolitan Community Colleges of Kansas City and chairman of Missourians for Higher Education, points out: "It is unfortunate that, at the very time we should be gaining on our competition, we are slipping still further behind. With the new level of withholding, Missouri's public colleges and universities are dealing with another decline in their purchasing power. This unfortunate situation provides further evidence of the need for enhanced state support for higher education in Missouri."

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Governor's veto stalls multi-campus engineering proposals

Budgetary moves by Gov. John Ashcroft in June have delayed at least for one year plans approved by the UM System Board of Curators to improve statewide engineering education. The proposal was contingent upon approval by the Coordinating Board for Higher Education.

Ashcroft vetoed \$1 million earmarked for a new undergraduate engineering program at UMSL in cooperation with UMR, and curators reserved another \$1 million in expenditures to improve existing programs at UMR, UMKC and UMC because of unexpected withholding of state funds from the University's appropriation.

At the time of his action, Ashcroft urged University officials to go ahead with plans to start the undergraduate engineering program in St. Louis with existing funds.

But, in a letter to the governor, University President C. Peter Magrath said the best possible approach at this time is to delay the improvements until adequate funds are available.

"At this point, we must have CBHE approval to take the next steps," Magrath said. "We must also have reasonable assurance that the program will be fully funded over a period of three to four years before it is appropriate for us to enroll students and hire a director and additional faculty members."



Ten faculty leaders, representing nine Missouri public universities, recently met to discuss ideas for faculty support of increased state funding for Missouri higher education. Their guest speaker was Gary Passmore, a representative of Missourians for Higher Education. UM System representatives were Gordon Kimber, UMC, (selected as group coordinator); Jim Walter and Larry Friedman, UMSL; Harris Mirkin, UMKC; and Don Askeland, UMR. Other representatives were Dick Luehrman, Central Missouri State; Bruce Parrish, Southeast Missouri State; Jim Grechus, Missouri Western State; Richard Detmer, Northwest Missouri State; and Larry George, Southwest Missouri State. The group hopes to attract staff employees and participants from other Missouri universities.

"One of the important points raised at our meeting was the virtue of involving everyone on the campuses, not only faculty, in our efforts," Kimber said. "We should make every effort to work as a faculty/staff group for our mutual benefit. Students are already well-organized and have the start of a statewide group."

Passmore said college and university employees are an important ingredient in the campaign for more state funding. They can influence spouses, administrators, other professionals and the general voting public. Faculty efforts could be formalized in September, followed by monthly discussions by the faculty group.

Those present agreed that, to the best of their knowledge, this was the first statewide meeting of Missouri faculty representatives in history. Although the group will not meet again until fall, representatives plan to organize regional groups this summer.

1 GENERAL: The aggregate average salary and wage increase goal for continuing employees in each employee category will be at least 4 percent, effective Sept. 1. There will be written guidelines that specify the basis for the determination of individual salary adjustments. *NOTE: The chancellor of each campus has the right to establish individual guidelines for his or her campus.*

2 TEACHING, RESEARCH AND EXTENSION STAFF:

Salary adjustments will be made on the basis of relative quality of performance and/or market circumstances. Not every individual's performance will warrant a salary adjustment, nor is there an upper limit on the increase that may be given in a case of unusually high quality of performance.

3 ADMINISTRATIVE/PROFESSIONAL STAFF: Salary adjustments will be made on the basis of relative quality of performance and/or market circumstances. Not every individual's performance will warrant a salary adjustment, nor is there an upper limit on the increase that may be given in a case of unusually high quality of performance. In the absence of exceptional circumstances, an employee who is performing at a satisfactory

level must be paid at least the minimum of the pay range.

4 OFFICE/TECHNICAL SERVICE AND SUPPORT STAFF: Salary adjustments will be made on the basis of relative quality of performance and/or market circumstances. Salary range minimums will be increased by 3 percent and the maximums will be increased by 8 percent. Individual salaries are to fall within the assigned range, with the exception that employees at or above the maximum may be recommended for an increase not to exceed 4 percent.

University of Missouri System SALARY AND WAGE PRINCIPLES/1990-91

Increases will be announced following establishment of wage rates.

6 STUDENTS: The range maximums on the student wage schedule will be increased by 4 percent. No adjustments will be made to the minimums, except that on April 1, 1991, the minimum rate for Student Assistant I will be increased from \$3.80/hour to \$4.25/hour.

7 EXCEPTIONS: With the approval of the president and responsible chancellor or vice president, exceptions to these principles may be authorized in unusual circumstances.

5 REPRESENTED SERVICE AND SUPPORT STAFF:

University of Missouri System SOURCES OF FUNDS FOR 1990-91: General Operations

	UMC	UMKC	UMR	UMSL	UM EXTN. & RESEARCH	UM SERV. & ADMIN.	SYSTEM TOTAL
1989-90 SOURCES	\$204,972,654	\$89,813,706	\$49,715,633	\$53,455,751	\$20,433,617	\$13,551,816	\$431,943,177
State Appropriations	137,331,699	57,237,760	34,876,172	34,749,749	11,334,217	11,481,903	287,011,500
Non-State Revenues	67,640,955	32,575,946	14,839,461	18,706,002	9,099,400	2,069,913	144,931,677
1990-91 SOURCES	\$216,818,699	\$95,098,101	\$52,430,233	\$57,684,198	\$21,285,755	\$14,260,011	\$457,576,997
State Appropriations	143,076,961	59,528,101	36,271,725	36,140,243	12,037,750	11,941,346	298,996,126
Non-State Revenues	73,741,738	35,570,000	16,158,508	21,543,955	9,248,005	2,318,665	158,580,871

Magrath names UM-St. Louis chancellor screening committee

System President C. Peter Magrath has named a committee of 16 faculty, staff, students and civic leaders to develop a list of five to eight prospective candidates in a national search to succeed Marguerite Ross Barnett as chancellor of UM-St. Louis.

Barnett is leaving Aug. 1 to become president of the University of Houston. "The chancellorship of the University of Missouri-St. Louis is a critical leadership position," Magrath said. "Our mutual challenge is to attract another exceptional administrator who can provide the momentum to move UM-St. Louis forward in meeting the challenges before us."

Committee members:

UMSL faculty: David Gustafson, (committee chairman) associate professor of business; Ronald Munson, professor of philosophy; Joyce Corey, professor of chemistry; Steven Hause, professor of history; Richard Burnett, associate dean, School of Education; Ruth Jenkins, associate professor of nursing; Stephen Lehmkuhle, associate professor of optometry; Suzanna Rose, director, Women's Studies Program

UMSL Staff Association: Audrey Easton Nourse, senior continuing education coordinator, continuing education-extension

UMSL student representative: Mark Grimes, vice president, UMSL Student Council

UMSL administration: Anita McDonald, dean, Evening College

UMSL Chancellor's Council: Walter Grey, executive vice president, Mercantile Bancorporation Inc.; Tom K. Smith Jr., curator emeritus; Donald M. Suggs, dentist and publisher of St. Louis American

UMSL Alumni Association: Mark Wells, vice president/director of human resources, St. Johns Bank & Trust Co.

UM System: Richard Wallace, vice president for academic affairs

Ex officio: Larry Friedman, associate professor of biology

Executive secretary to the committee: Ronald J. Turner, special assistant to the president.

Missouri researchers to study Alzheimer's and related disorders

The Board of Curators in June approved funding of \$220,019 for 13 Missouri research proposals to study Alzheimer's disease and related disorders.

The program to fund the research projects, created by the Missouri General Assembly, is administered by the Board of Curators. Funded research projects examine Alzheimer's and other diseases that destroy brain tissue and result in a decline of memory and other intellectual functions.

Richard Wallace, UM System vice president for academic affairs, was reappointed to the advisory board of the Alzheimer's Disease and Related Disorders Program.

UM System researchers developed five of the 13 proposals recommended for funding, which represent more than \$79,000:

UM-Columbia

Ruth S. Brent, "Identifying Housing Inadequacies for Older Adult Extension Clientele and Individuals with Alzheimer's Disease and Related Mental Disorders," \$9,450; David G. McDonald, "Effects of Physical Exercise in Early Dementia of the Alzheimer's Type," \$19,986; David M. Tucker, "In-Home Behavioral Management of the Alzheimer's Patient: A Training Program for Family Caregivers," \$16,756

UM-St. Louis

Carl J. Bassi, "Visual Deficits in Patients with Alzheimer's Disease," \$15,744; William J. Welsh, "Computer-Aided Drug Design of Muscarinic Agonists Useful for Treatment of Memory Impairments in Alzheimer's Disease Patients," \$17,285

Request lowest rate when booking hotel rooms

When making reservations at a hotel for University business, should I request corporate or government rates?

You should request the lowest rate available. Whether corporate or government rates are the lowest depends on the individual hotel chain. The University has agreements with a number of hotel chains; the Travel Policies and Procedures booklet notes the lowest rate level for each chain as well as the University ID number needed to receive that rate. If you don't have the booklet, request one from your campus travel coordinator or call me at (314) 882-2539.

I have not received my renewal Diners Club card, and mine has expired -- why?

There are several reasons a renewal card may not have been received:



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Purchasing and Real Estate

1. If you have a delinquent balance at the time of renewal, Diners will not issue a new card until the account is current. If the account has been chronically delinquent, Diners Club still may not reissue a card even after the balance has been paid in full.

2. A renewal list is sent to each department monthly to confirm the need to have renewal cards issued. If your supervisor feels that you do not travel frequently enough to warrant a card (generally twice a year), the card may not be renewed.

3. The most common reason a new card is not received is that cards are often mistaken for junk mail and never opened. For security reasons, charge cards are mailed in a plain, unmarked envelope. You should be on the lookout for your renewal card about six weeks prior to the expiration date on your current card. If you have not received your renewal card and reasons 1 and 2 above don't apply, you may re-

quest a replacement card by calling your campus travel coordinator.

Your column in the March Spectrum discussed applying for an identification number so that cash could be obtained from ATM machines using our Diners Club card. Is this process supposed to replace our current system of obtaining cash advances?

No -- the ATM program is available to cardholders as an extra service and a means of obtaining cash in an emergency situation. There is a \$5 transaction fee associated with each ATM withdrawal, which is not reimbursed by the University. It is a great program for an emergency situation but would be expensive if used on a regular basis. For official travel cash advances, you should continue to use the current cash advance system through your campus cashier.

Send "Travel Tips" questions to Melody Derendinger, Purchasing and Real Estate, 225 University Hall, UM System, Columbia, Mo. 65211

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Cancer hospital merges with UM System

Gov. John Ashcroft this month signed House Bill 1725, which transfers management control of Ellis Fischel State Cancer Center to the UM System Board of Curators. The transfer date is set for Nov. 1, 1990.

In the meantime, many details will be worked out, including individual meetings with Ellis staff members to discuss System wages and benefits. Current Ellis employees have been guaranteed the same salaries and responsibilities as they currently hold, says Robert Smith, executive director of University Hospital and Clinics.

Lester Bryant, dean of the UMC School of Medicine, said: "The merger will bring cancer care to a new era in the state. It will allow us to compete with federal funding and research opportunities and to bring in some of the finest people in the country to conduct patient care and research."

Ellis Fischel was built in the late 1930s to provide cancer treatment for indigent patients. Management will transfer from the Missouri State Cancer Commission. The idea of merging the cancer hospital with the University has been discussed since 1937, said Ron Vincent, director of the state cancer commission.

MRAA request for proposals issued

Proposals for funding under the Missouri Research Assistance Act will be accepted through Sept. 17. MRAA is designed to promote research and applied projects that will enhance state employment opportunities, stimulate economic development and encourage private investment.

Awards from the fund can be used to defray a maximum of one-third of the direct expenses of any project and the remaining two-thirds must come from other than state or federal sources, student fees, institutional endowment or other sources used to fund the University's operating budget.

If the matching funds will be provided by a small business, awards from the fund can be used to defray a maximum of two-thirds of the direct expenses of the project. Any indirect costs must be borne by the originating campus or unit or must be provided from external sources in addition to the matching funds.

For proposal guidelines, contact Sam Kanatzar, coordinator of special projects, Office of the Vice President for Academic Affairs, 812 Clark Hall, UM System, Columbia, Mo. 65211; (314) 882-1714.

Health care conference attracts 75 counties

To date, about 75 counties across the state are signed up to participate in the satellite videoconference, "Missouri Rural Health: A Community Challenge," the evening of Oct. 11. Participation in the videoconference is open to anyone who is interested in improving rural health care.

Bob Priddy, news director of the Missourinet and creator of the radio program, "Across the Wide Missouri," will moderate.

The event is sponsored by the Missouri Rural Innovation Institute, a University Extension rural community leadership project funded by the W.K. Kellogg Foundation.

The program will be uplinked from St. Louis and brought down wherever a local planning committee makes arrangements to receive the program.

"We're going to offer rural audiences a chance to discuss major health issues affecting their communities, showcase some ways communities in Missouri and other states have dealt with health system problems successfully and frame both problems and solutions in a statewide and national perspective," says Jim Preston, MRRII program coordinator.

In the final segment, facilitators at the sites will lead discussion groups and focus on the next steps to be taken locally.

For more information, call your local extension office.

UMKC needs more science and technology, report says

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The recommendations in a report issued last month on science and technology activity in the Kansas City area did not surprise University System President C. Peter Magrath. In fact, he is all too familiar with the metropolitan area's needs.

The report, prepared by the Battelle Institute for the Kansas City Area Development Council, says Kansas City "falls short of the benchmark set by other cities" in building its economy in fields reliant on science and technology. To a great degree, the problem -- and potential asset -- is the area's colleges and universities. None provide the "breadth of graduate talent that is needed for a robust science and technology-based economy."

Magrath said, "Battelle's major findings and recommendations are consistent with the University of Missouri System's desire to provide broader, higher quality options in science, technology and engineering education through the University of Mis-

souri-Kansas City and the total University of Missouri System."

"These plans and intentions cannot be carried out, however, without a significant increase in the state's investment in higher education. Such an investment needs to be made for the good of the Kansas City region and the entire state of Missouri."

Effects on employee recruitment

The Battelle report notes that Kansas City lacks a "full-service graduate research-intensive university," which creates problems in recruiting new employees for existing businesses and attracting new businesses whose employees would benefit from advanced education.

"In the long run, perhaps more than 10 years," the report says, "a legitimate goal for Kansas City is to be the site for a broad-based, Ph.D.-granting university. Achievement of this goal means that resources should be focused on one academic institution or on several academic institutions that have collaborated to provide a strong Kansas City science

and technology academic program." The immediate remedies it suggests:

1. Establishing a Center for Excellence in Telecommunications and Computer Networking and an Applied Research Center in Graphics

2. Fully funding UMKC's Institute of Science and Technology

3. Stimulating the state's efforts to create additional graduate programs and fund distinguished professorships in areas of technology at UMKC

Battelle says local businesses and governments can help in these endeavors through a variety of support mechanisms but sees the greatest boost coming from outside the Kansas City area. It notes that public institutions, such as UMKC, are dependent on decision-makers in Jefferson City and throughout the state.

These decision-makers, Battelle says, need to be made aware of the economic benefit to the state derived from the suggested investments in Kansas City. The city has good potential for technological business development, the report adds.

Committee to advise Magrath on UM System long-range plan

University President C. Peter Magrath has appointed a University Planning Task Force to advise him in revising the University's long-range plan and provide guidance for the University's planning activities in 1990-91.

Task force members are Curators Sam B. Cook, John P. Lichtenegger, G. Andy Runge and Edwin S. Turner; Chancellors Martin C. Jischke (UMR), Haskell M. Monroe (UMC) and George A. Russell (UMKC) and UMSL Interim Chancellor Blanche M. Touhill;

System Vice Presidents James T. McGill and Richard L. Wallace (task force chairman); Associate Vice

President Gail Imig; Lawrence Friedman, chairman, UMSL Senate; Allen Hahn, chairman, UMC Faculty Council; Frank Popp, chairman, UMKC Faculty Senate; and Vincent Roach, president, UMR Academic Council.

"This is a critically important activity for the University, for through this process we should identify the University's highest priority objectives for the next five years," Magrath says. "It is important that we do so in an orderly fashion and in a manner that will lead to strong support at all levels within the University for those goals and objectives that are incorporated in the next version of our long-range plan."



Sam B. Cook



John P. Lichtenegger



G. Andy Runge



Edwin S. Turner

MRAA grants to support Missouri research projects

The Board of Curators last month approved grants totaling \$355,554 to support Missouri research projects to enhance state employment opportunities, stimulate economic development and encourage private investment in Missouri.

The money is part of a state program established by the Missouri Research Assistance Act to support research efforts that could have a positive economic impact. The state awards can be used to defray only one-third of the direct expenses of any approved project. Researchers must seek the remaining two-thirds from private sources. If the private source is classified as a small business, however, the MRAA award can cover two-thirds of a project's cost.

Since the program began in 1983, Missouri researchers have been awarded \$6 million. Researchers have generated more than \$12.4 million in matching support from outside sources.

The curators function as the MRAA approval board for proposals from all doctoral-granting institutions in the state. Curators approved one research proposal from Washington University for \$44,408.

UM System projects total \$311,146:

UM-Columbia

Sam C. Anand, "To Develop Soybean Varieties Resistant to Cyst Nematode," \$16,242, second of three years

Elaine A. Backus, "Development of a New and Novel, Genetically Engineered Alfalfa Resistant to the Potato Leafhopper," \$8,646, second of two years, and "Understanding the Mechanism of Hopperburn: A Crucial Step Toward the Development of Genetically Engineered Alfalfa Resistant to the Potato Leafhopper," \$9,250, first of two years

Wayne C. Bailey, "Insect Impact on the Establishment, Growth and Longevity of No-till Alfalfa," \$4,500, third of three years

Robert W. Blanchard, "Assessment of Chlorine Accumulation in High Yield Soybean Cultivars in Missouri," \$5,000, second of two years

Michael S. DeFelice, "Integrating Methods of Weed Control for Missouri Field Crop Production," \$24,622, third of three years

Ahmed Sherif El-Gizawy, "Design and Control of an Automated Assembly System for Electromechanical Products," \$16,903, second of two years

Jeffre D. Firman, "Digestibility of Amino Acids in Feedstuffs for Turkey Diets," \$7,500, first of two years

H. Allen Garverick, "Possible Mechanism Whereby Recombinant Interferon-AII (RboIFN-aII) Can Be Used to Improve Fertility in Postpartum Cows Anticipated to Have Subnormal Luteal Phases," \$25,000

Monty S. Kerley, "Effect of Monosaccharide & Phenolic Acid Composition and Structure on Cell Wall Digestion of Warm-Season Grasses by Ruminal Microbes," \$4,710, second of two years

Randie R. Little, "Evaluation of Glycated Proteins as Measured by the Primus HPLC CLC330 Analyzer as a Screen for Diabetes," \$43,679

Sudarshan K. Loyalka, "Aerosol Films for Microsensor Fabrication," \$5,643, first of two years

David D. Minner, "Sports Turf--Standards for a New Industry," \$21,734, second of three years

Terry L. Niblack, "Non-Chemical Control of Soybean Pests: Chitinolytic Fungi Associated with Soybean Cyst Nematodes," \$9,997, first of two years, and "Host-Parasite Interactions of Soybean Parasitic Nematodes in North-Central Missouri," \$10,784, second of two years

Ing Peng, "Light Initiated Lipid Oxidation and Color Fading in Precooked Cured Meat," \$12,841, first of two years

David A. Sleper, "Enhancement of Tall Fescue Germplasm for Turf," \$15,000, second of three years

Trygve L. Veum, "Lysine, Tryptophan and Threonine Supplementation of Corn-Soybean Meal Diets Fed to Pigs: Requirements of Barrows Versus Gilts," \$9,075

James E. Williams, "Enhancement of the Nutritive Value of Washwater Solids from Food Processing Plants," \$9,856

UM-Kansas City

Ann Smith, "Role of Histidine-Proline-rich Glyco-protein in Cardiovascular and Immunological Disorders of Aging," \$15,000, first of two years

UM-Rolla

H. Frederick Nelson, Supersonic Missile Aerodynamics, \$14,490

UM-St. Louis

Philip B. Fraundorf, "Near-Field Imaging of Atoms in Solids," \$3,000

David W. Larsen, "Nuclear Magnetic Relaxation Dispersion Spectroscopy," \$10,038

UMR and UMC

"Alteration of Sedimentary Carbonate Aquifers by Basinal Fluids in the Ozark Region, Missouri," Jay M. Gregg, UMR, \$5,136, and Kevin L. Shelton, UMC, \$2,500

President C. Peter Magrath met with Daviess County residents in Gallatin, Mo., during "Missouri Tour--Summer 1990."

The northern Missourians heard Magrath's comments on educational funding, economic development and University Extension staffing.

Magrath 'marches' across Missouri

The St. Joseph News-Press/Gazette depicted the scene clearly in a July 2 editorial: "No less a representative than the president of the University of Missouri System, C. Peter Magrath, visited St. Joseph last week to present his case for additional state funding."

"Magrath views the need as pressing, stating the University is falling behind in several areas for lack of state funding. The pinch is harder felt following Gov. John Ashcroft's decision to withhold 4.5 percent of state school monies when it had been expected the amount would be 3 percent."

Missouri media have responded in volume to Magrath's "Missouri Tour--Summer 1990" to report the

(Darryl Wilkinson/Gallatin North Missourian)



need for increased state funding of higher education.

June stops, on what Magrath refers to as the "Missouri Waltz," included Kirksville, Hannibal, Mexico, Trenton, Chillicothe, Macon, Maryville, Cameron, Gallatin, Savannah, St. Joseph and Independence.

On the July list were Warrenton, Troy, St. Charles, Washington, Owensville, Rolla, Richland, Camdenton, Bolivar, Lebanon, Marshfield, Cabool, Eminence, Poplar Bluff, Kennett, Jackson, Ste. Genevieve, Flat River, Festus, Potosi and Sedalia.

Magrath's summer total will approximate 40 meetings with more than 1,200 persons in nearly three dozen communities.

"The Missouri Tour was intended

to be an exchange," Magrath said. "I wanted to hear the expectations Missourians had of the University of Missouri System, and I wanted to emphasize the direct and critical role of higher education in the economic future of our state."

The tour, an effort to reach civic and political leaders, included breakfasts, coffees, luncheons, receptions and media visits. Coverage of the tour is expected to appear in nearly 100 state media outlets, according to Dave Lendl, director of university relations for the UM System.

Jim Snider, assistant to the president for state governmental relations; and Larry Myers, coordinator of special assignments for university relations, and Lendl scheduled the tour.

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