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Cutbacks Work; Budget Balances

Cost-saving measures may have resulted in the Medical Center ending the fiscal year with a balanced budget.

An article July 18 in The Missourian quotes Dr. William D. Mayer, dean of the School of Medicine, "From our preliminary information, it appears that we are going to end with a balanced budget. So, I'd have to say that the steps we took were effective."

Money-saving steps included leaving 194 job vacancies unfilled and closing two floors in McHaney Hall (the rehabilitation center) from January 4 until a state legislature emergency appropriation permitted reopening April 1.

Cutting back on the quality of maintenance and in the number of RN's and LPN's reduced services "below a level that we feel the Medical Center ought to offer," Mayer said.

With an increase in University funds, many vacant positions will be filled in the coming year.

Medical Center officials

attribute the budget problems to a lack of increase in state funds from fiscal '69 to '70, rising costs due to inflation and salary increases, and greater demands for services.

Mayer believes that the Medical Center's problems reflect what is happening nationally.

As a result of inflation, rates were increased in January and a cutback in care to indigent patients was urged.

"I anticipate that there will be a further rate increase this coming January 1, because our costs are continuing to go up. Our current per diem costs are running about \$100 a patient per day," Mayer said.

Mayer forsees some federal relief.

"My guess is that significant additional federal dollars through national health insurance is a year or two years off," he said.

Students Recieve Thesis Awards

Two senior University medical students have been presented thesis awards in psychiatry by the medical school psychiatry department

for outstanding dissertations.

Barry J. Cooper, Olivette, was cited for a paper on "Juvenile Vandalism." J. Regan Thomas, Joplin, was cited for a paper on "Are Blacks Whitewashed? The White Psychiatrist Versus the Black Patient."

Young Appointed Program Director

Dr. Paul R. Young of Kansas City has been appointed medical director of the continuing education program for health professionals by the University Board of Curators.

Dr. Young was director of the family practice program at the Research Medical Center in Kansas City.

The continuing education program is offered by the University to keep practicing physicians, nurses and other health professionals apprised of new medical information. The university Extension Center and Medical Center cooperate on a series of lectures and conferences.

Dr. Young will have an academic appointment in the department of community

health and medical practice at the School of Medicine as an associate professor in the family practice section.

More than 100 Missouri hospitals have been tied in with the Medical Center through a continuing education telephone network which carries telelectures weekly to the participating institutions.

In addition the program offers a sabbatical program for practicing physicians who wish to return to the campus and work in the academic setting to gain firsthand knowledge of new techniques and information.

Lodwick Authors Radiology Text

Dr. Gwilym S. Lodwick, professor and chairman of the department of radiology at the University, is the author of "The Bones and Joints," a 450-page book published April 15 by the Year-Book Medical Publishers, Chicago.

It is the fourth volume to be completed in a projected 13-volume series comprising the "Atlas of Tumor Radiology." Each book in the series is written by an expert in one aspect of tumor radiology and

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is designed as a reference and teaching source for all physicians as well as radiologists.

The book represents 20 years of research in radiology which has brought international recognition to Dr. Lodwick, a pioneer in computer diagnosis of X-ray images. He has received nearly \$1 million in grants for the current school year to further his research activities.

Donnell Appointed To State Bureau

University assistant professor Dr. H. Denny Donnell Jr. was named director of the Bureau of Communicable Diseases of the State Division of Health. He will be in charge of immunization.

Dr. Donnell was assistant director of community health and medical practice at the University Medical Center.

Dr. Donnell graduated from Greenville College in Illinois and received his MD degree from the Washington University School of Medicine in St. Louis.

Air Conditioning — A Few Cool Words

Lack of air conditioning in the east side of the Medical Center was the subject of an editorial July 18 in *The Missourian*.

"The epitome of state-supported medical services lacks facilities to keep its patients comfortable during sweltering summer weather," the editorial said.

"A few rooms in the thoracic ward are equipped with individual coolers, but they

are undependable.

"Only individual rooms in pediatrics are air-conditioned.

"Patients in the orthopedics, ward must suffer with itchy casts in their uncooled rooms."

Doors to the rooms of patients suspected of having a communicable disease are shut to prevent spreading of germs.

Because of inadequate power, air conditioners for McHanev Hall which houses physical medicine and rehabilitation are in storage, the editorial said.

The article called the lack of air-conditioning "uncomfortable" and "inefficient."

"Lack of available finances is the obvious reason for the lack of air-conditioning," the editorial concluded.

M.D. Day Includes Reunion Activities

M.D. Day will be held November 5-6 in Columbia.

In addition to the game between the Tigers and the University of Oklahoma Sooners, a scientific program, banquet and luncheon are planned.

The Versatiles, a combo from the Missouri State Penitentiary will perform at the banquet.

Reunions for the classes of '46, '61 and '66 have been planned. Members of other classes interested in reunion activities should contact Mrs. Joyce Kays, Executive Secretary, University of Missouri-Columbia Medical Alumni Organization, M-218 Medical Science Building, Columbia, Mo. 65201. Mrs. Kays will assist classes with their plans.

History of Missouri Medical Education To be Published in Limited Edition

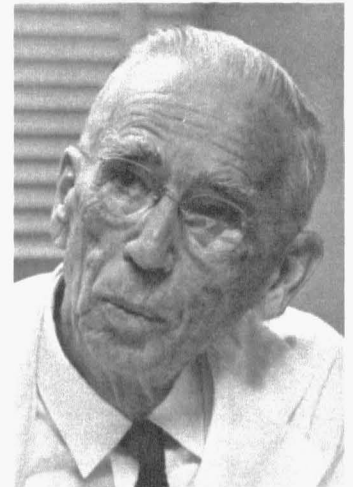
"The Genesis, Heritage and Progress of Medical Education at the University of Missouri, 1841-1970" is the title Dr. M. Pinson Neal chose for his book which will be published early this fall.

The professor and former chairman of pathology joined the faculty of the two-year medical school in Columbia on September 1, 1922, and has seen nearly 50 years of progress there.

His book records the beginnings of the University's connections with a medical school in St. Louis two years after the University was established in 1839 in Columbia, tells of the opening of the medical school on the Columbia campus early in 1873, and progresses through the political and financial struggles to establish a four-year school of medicine, finally opened in 1956.

During the past two years Dr. Neal spent many hours researching old medical school bulletins (the earliest record is the Bulletin of 1851), Board of Curators' minutes, medical journals, and deans' reports in compiling his record, encouraged by Dr. Fred V. Lucas, current chairman of the pathology department. Dr. Neal's own memory brings back many of the events since 1922.

Funds provided by "unrestricted" gifts of alumni to the School of Medicine have made possible the printing of 500 paper-bound books. After reserving many for Missouri



DR. M. PINSON NEAL

libraries and medical groups, the medical alumni office is making the other copies available at no charge to interested alumni and friends of Dr. Neal.

Weiss Named To Honorary

Dr. James M. A. Weiss, professor and chairman of the department of psychiatry at the University, has been named an honorary member of Phi Beta Kappa. Weiss is also the academic head of Mid-Missouri Mental Health Center.

Weiss has been a University faculty member since 1960. In 1966, he was elected first president of the Missouri Academy of Psychiatry. He has also written a book and several articles in scientific journals.

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